

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, October 22, 2015 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kelli Lockwood, RN, MSN, Vice President  
Amy Hooper, LPN

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Amelia Baker, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline

Lockwood called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2015.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Hooper moved, Lockwood seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, October 22, 2015 Lockwood declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

### **INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES**

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Hooper moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**RNI150564** – Grant extension for mental physical examination until October 27, 2015.

**RNI150249** – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Diabetes Care and Patient Education and Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills.

**RNI150563** – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Misrepresentation).

**LPNI160020** – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Difficult or Challenging: Dealing with Patients, Ethics in Nursing Practice and Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care.

**RNI150567** – Refer to Legal Services for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI151270** – Close the case with a strong Letter of Concern (Drugs and Unprofessional Conduct).

**RNI150753** – Close the case.

**RNI151104** – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. May reapply with 12 months of documented sobriety and a new mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI120480** – Deny the reinstatement. Applicant may reapply for reinstatement with 24 months of documented continuous sobriety and an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of application. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI080208** – Refer to Legal Services for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**LPNI160093** – Table until November 18, 2015 meeting.

**LPNI160077** – Issue a temporary permit for reentry.

**RNI151133** – Refer to Legal Services for an outpatient mental physical examination by a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI130209** – Refer to Legal Services for an outpatient mental physical examination for consideration of reinstatement by a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI160071** - Refer to Legal Services for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI160221** – Refer to Legal Services for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**LPNI160116** – Issue license.

**LPNI160117** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for public consent agreement to run concurrent with criminal probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer).

**LPNI160122** – Reject the mental physical examination and require a mental physical examination to be completed by a board certified addictionologist.

**RNI160302** – Refer to Legal Services for an outpatient mental physical examination for consideration of reinstatement by a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**LPNI160128** – License with a Letter of Concern (Criminal Activity).

**RNI160306** – Deny. May reapply after completion of Voluntary Disciplinary Action Program in Alabama.

**LPNI160072** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for violation of Consent order, five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy) and substance abuse stipulations.

**RNI150363** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. Allow to reinstate after completion of treatment program for depression and opiate dependency, must submit mental physical examination within 30 days of petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI151166** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent agreement to include three (3) years monitoring, quarterly reports (personal, employer and drug screens to be done by a private physician).

**LPNI150264** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct and courses: Righting a Wrong; Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, and Understanding Substance Use in Nursing.

**RNI150260** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct and a course in Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

**RNI151008** – License with a Letter of Concern (Drugs).

**RNI160305** – Deny, may reapply after four (4) years of documented sobriety, evidence of work history around narcotics.

**RNI140589** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender.

**RNI160211** – Close the case.

**RNI150989** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (employer, personal) courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Ethics of Nursing Practice, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation and a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct.

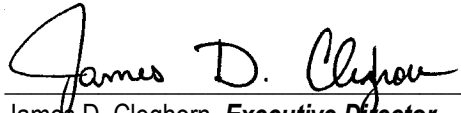
**LPNI062549** – Table until the November 18, 2015 Board meeting.

**RNI150262** – Rescind the previous motion. Accept the public consent order with fine.

**RNI150726** – Rescind the previous motion and accept the consent order for one (1) year suspension and to run concurrent with criminal probation.

Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 4:53 p.m.

  
James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**

Approved on